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CONFERENCE STUDIES RESOURCES  
OF KUZNETSK BASIN

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A conference on the study of the productive forces of the Kuznets Basin was held in Kemerovo at the end of 1948. This conference was organized by the Academy of Sciences jointly with the Gosplan of the USSR.

The following sections were organized to implement the decisions of the conference concerning the development of the Kuznets Basin: coal industry (headed by Academicians A. A. Skochinskiy and L. D. Shevyakov); metallurgical industry (Academician I. P. Bardin) with a subsection on nonferrous metals (Corresponding Member I. N. Flaksin); chemical industry (Academician S. I. Vol'fkovich); power engineering (Academician A. V. Vinter); machine construction (Corresponding Member A. S. Il'ichev); construction and the construction industry, production of consumers' goods, transportation and communication (Prof. I. N. Butakov, director, Transportation-Power Engineering Institute of the Zapadnosibirsk Affiliate); agriculture (Prof. V. D. Kislyakov, vice-chairman, Council on the Study of the Productive Forces, Academy of Sciences); and forestry and the lumber industry (Prof. P. V. Vasil'yev, assistant director, Forestry Institute, Academy of Sciences).

The coal-industry section outlined in detail the most important problems in mining coal in the Kuznetak Basin. A great deal of attention was given to a system of mining wide veins, the use of which might curtail coal losses and eliminate the danger of subsurface fires due to spontaneous combustion. In the unanimous opinion of section members, the principal measure in this direction is the mining of wide, sharply-dropping seams using fills for the mined-out spaces.

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